



## FALL 2022 NEWSLETTER



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- **Safe Harbor:**  
**Songs of Refuge & Home**  
Sunday, Nov 13, 2pm & 4 pm  
Coconino Center for the Arts  
Tickets: \$20 (\$10 children & students)  
**[tickets available here](#)**
- **Giving Tuesday**  
Tuesday, November 29  
online fundraising event  
**[donate here](#)**
- **Caroling on the Square**  
Saturday, December 3, 4 pm  
Roaming MCF carolers on  
Heritage Square
- **Christmas in the Mountains:**  
**Southwest Solstice**  
Saturday, December 10, 3 pm  
Flagstaff High School  
Recommended contributions \$20



**SUNDAY NOV 13**

2 PM AND 4 PM

**Coconino Center for the Arts**

*Tickets available through the website*

We officially kick off our 45th Concert Season with a concert of human journeys through music in collaboration with the opening of Coconino Center for the Arts' new exhibition, "25 Million Stitches: One Stitch, One Refugee." ([Click here to learn more about the exhibit](#)) Music on this program builds a bridge with cultural and current events in Syria, Ukraine, and East Africa, and U. S. composers invite us to cherish the gifts to be free and loved by neighbors, to help others find refuge and home. We will be joined by guest artist, Owen Davis on percussion. We encourage you to purchase tickets ahead of time online [by clicking here](#). Remaining tickets will be available at the door.

## Meet Our New Artistic Staff!



If you haven't had the opportunity to meet our Artistic Director, Tim Westerhaus and Accompanist, Aimee Fincher, you're in for a real treat! Dr. Tim Westerhaus became the Director of Choral Studies at Northern Arizona University (NAU) in Fall 2021 after serving as Director of Choirs and Vocal Studies at Gonzaga University in Spokane, Washington from 2010-2021.

Dr. Aimee Fincher joins us from the piano faculty of NAU. Prior to joining the faculty at NAU, she worked at Oakwood University and the University of Alabama in Huntsville and as the company manager at Huntsville Ballet. You can learn more about Tim and Aimee [here](#)!

Have you checked out our website recently?  
[www.masterchorale.net](http://www.masterchorale.net)

## Support MCF on Giving Tuesday!

Giving Tuesday is a day that encourages people to give back in whatever ways they can. We invite you to join us in volunteering within the community, finding ways to help others, and also considering a financial contribution to Master Chorale of Flagstaff. Your contributions help Master Chorale to provide 5 of our concerts free of charge this year. This includes 2 off-season concerts and 3 concerts from our regular concert series. **Please click here to contribute**



*We are grateful for the financial support we receive through grants!*



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# Big Sing!

FLAGSTAFF

This September, after taking a two-year break from the Big Sing, due to the pandemic, Master Chorale of Flagstaff, along with 10 other schools led downtown Flagstaff in song! The idea of Big Sing was first brought to Flagstaff by then MCF Board President, Suzanne Motsinger. "The Master Chorale had long wanted to sponsor a community sing in Flagstaff. In 2017, just as I became President of the Chorale, I went to the very first Big Sing LA, put on by the LA Master Chorale in Grant Park in Los Angeles. Seeing 3000 people all singing "Lean on Me" together in the park, swaying and dancing and hugging, I thought, 'We can do this in Flagstaff!' A year of planning followed, and in September 2018 the very first Big Sing Flagstaff rocked Heritage Square with over half a dozen groups leading an audience of around 500. It was a dream come true!" reminisced Motsinger.

This year, MCF was joined by choirs from NAU Choral Union, Flagstaff High School, BASIS Flagstaff, Pine Forest School, Mount Elden Middle School, Sinagua Middle School, DeMiguel Elementary School, Marshal Magnet

School, Puente de Hózhó Elementary School, and Sechrist Elementary School. We are grateful for the support of Downtown Business Alliance and our concert sponsor, Renewal by Anderson. If you missed this event this year, we're already looking forward to the continuation of the annual event with Big Sing 2023! [Click here for a sample of this year's event!](#)

*"This is what choral singing is about...bringing people together and sharing a message of joy and hope."*

-Tim Westerhaus, Artistic Director

Big Sing 2022

## UN MUNDO DE AMOR

Tim Westerhaus, Artistic Director  
Christina Nelson, Assistant Director

**SUNDAY NOV 13**  
2 pm and 4 pm

**SATURDAY DEC 10**  
3 pm

**SUNDAY FEB 5**  
3 pm

**SATURDAY MAR 4**  
4 pm

**SUNDAY APR 30**  
3 pm

## A WORLD OF LOVE



**SAFE HARBOR**   
Songs of Refuge & Home

*Christmas* IN THE MOUNTAINS  
Southwest Solstice

*GO FOR Baroque*  
VENUS & ADONIS  
A Valentine's Baroque Opera with Dance

*Brahms & Dillworth:*  
REMEMBRANCE & JUSTICE

**iCANTEMOS!**  
Latin American Concert



*Members of MCF performing at the Dublin Choir Festival in Ireland (June)*

Even in our "off-season", we've been busy bringing music to our community!



*Summer Chorale performing a Patriotic Concert at Ft. Tuthill (July)*



*Beer Choir at Mother Road Brewery (August)*



*Tim guest conducting the Flagstaff Community Band with MCF singers leading song (August)*



*Big Sing 2022 Heritage Square (August)*

## Christmas in the Mountains: Southwest Solstice

This concert is always an audience favorite, and with the many collaborations taking place in the concert this year, we know you'll enjoy this Flagstaff tradition. We will be joined by Flagstaff High School Choir and Sechrist Elementary School Choir for this winter program which includes seasonal holiday music, audience sing-alongs, and Conrad Susa's Carols and Lullabies: Christmas in the Southwest, sung in Spanish and English and performed with harp, guitar, and percussion. Guest musicians include the Elden Brass Quintet, Joshua Moore on classical guitar, and Owen Davis on percussion. Master Chorale presents a festive afternoon concert for the whole family on Saturday, December 10 at 3 PM, with time for dinner before Flagstaff's Holiday of Lights Festival.

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